



Town of Garrett Park
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Regular Meeting of Town Council
Garrett Park Town Hall
10814 Kenilworth Avenue
Garrett Park, Maryland 20896

Town Council Meeting: 14 August 2017

Minutes

Call to Order: Mayor Benjamin called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. Present were Councilmembers McClintock, Paczkowski, Schulp, Wegner and Welch. Also present were Town Manager Swearingen, approximately 20 Town residents and Ed Lincoln representing the Bugle.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Presentations by Residents: There were no presentations by residents

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the July 10, 2017 meeting were approved as presented without objection.

Action:

Approval of Ordinance 2017-6: Amending Chapter 2 of the Garrett Park Town Code: Elections. Mayor Benjamin told the council that he had spoken with the Chief Election Judge regarding possible changes to Section 206. Poll Watchers. The proposed wording did not allow poll watchers to be present during tabulation of votes. The Chief Judge indicated that the election judges would agree to permit the presence of poll watchers as long as they were precluded from interfering in any way with the vote counting process. Councilmember McClintock proposed alternative wording which would meet the concerns of the election judges while allowing the presence of poll watchers. After discussion among councilmembers and several residents, Councilmember McClintock moved approval of Ordinance 2017-6 including her proposed rewording of Section 206, and permitting the Mayor to make technical changes to Section 206 to make its wording consistent with other portions of Chapter 2, Councilmember Welch seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Ordinance 2017-6 as approved is attached to these minutes.

Approval of a resolution authorizing a sidewalk grant amendment. Mayor Benjamin explained that due to increased cost estimates for the sidewalk construction program funded by the Safe Routes to School grant administered by the Maryland State Highway Administration, as well as to cover the loss of funds in the grant due to expenditures authorized and managed by SHA without Town involvement or agreement, an additional \$350,000 were estimated to be needed to construct the entire project. Mayor Benjamin asked for authority to request an amendment to the sidewalk grant to cover these costs.

He also stated that if the full amount were not approved and funds available were insufficient to complete the whole project after bids for construction were received the town would explore the availability of funding from other sources and that the Council would be asked to decide whether only part of the project would be pursued and, if so, which part. Councilmember Wegner moved approval of the resolution and councilmember Welch seconded. Those voting in favor of the resolution were councilmembers Wegner, Welch, McClintock and Paczkowski in favor; Councilmember Schulp abstained. The approved resolution is attached to these minutes.

Town Manager's Report:

The Town Manager provided a financial report for July. The Manager's Report is attached to these minutes.

Adjournment: Mayor Benjamin adjourned the meeting at 8:42 PM



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gene Swearingen".

Gene Swearingen, Clerk-Treasurer